

**WTVA
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT
OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2005**

ISSUE: HOSPICE

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 10/1/05– 5:00– 5:30 P.M.

NANCY COLLINS, PRESIDENT OF SANCTUARY HOSPICE HOUSE AND LINDA GHOLSTON, ADMINISTRATOR TALKED ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE HOUSE. THE HOSPICE HOUSE EFFORTS BEGAN ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. IT IS ONE OF ONLY TWO IN THE UNITED STATES THAT WOULD SERVE A RURAL AREA. CELEBRATION VILLAGE HELPS RAISE MONEY FOR THE HOSPICE HOUSE. LAST YEAR ABOUT \$270,000.00 WAS RAISED. THIS YEAR THEY ARE HOPING FOR \$300,000.00.

ISSUE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 10/8/05– 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

SAFE, INC. HAS BEEN OPEN SINCE 1970. IT IS A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE MORE AWARENESS THERE IS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ABUSE THE MORE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO STEP FORWARD AND TALK ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS. ABOUT 3 – 4 MILLION WOMEN ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

ISSUE: HEALTH

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 10/29/05 · 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

DR. JOHN ZELEN TALKED ABOUT HIS BOOK PROCESS OF BECOMING HEALTHY. DR. ZELEN IS A PRACTICING SURGEON IN BOONEVILL, MISSISSIPPI. HE TALKED ABOUT SETTING GOALS AND THINKING LONG TERM ON IMPROVING HEALTH. HE TRIES TO HELP PEOPLE WITH THE FACT THAT MISSISSIPPI HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST OBSEYTY RATES IN THE COUNTRY.

ISSUE: NURSING

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS -- 11/5/05 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

SHEBA P RICE, R.N. AND LORI DICKERSON, R.N. TALKED ABOUT A NURSING EXPO. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A LARGE NURSING SHORTAGE. THEY SAY THE NURSING PROGRAM IS A TOUGH PROGRAM BUT CAN BE A HELPFUL CAREER FOR MEN AND WOMEN WITH STARTING PAY AROUND \$18.00 AN HOUR. THE NURSING EXPO IS TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO MAY WANT TO GO INTO NURSING PART TIME OR START A SECOND CAREER. THERE ARE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE.

ISSUE: DIABETES

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 11/12/05 – 5:00 5:30 P.M.

LYNN WALKER AND KITTI PARMAN TALKED ABOUT THE BUDDY BAIN MEMORIAL FESTIVAL WHICH IS HELD ANNUALLY TO RAISE MONEY FOR DIABETES PATIENTS. THEY SAID THAT JUVENILE DIABETES SEEMS TO BE ON THE INCREASE. DIABETES APPEARS TO BE CONNECTED TO OTHER PROBLEMS LIKE OBESITY. THE GUESTS TALKED ABOUT BOTH DIABETES AND THE EVENTS GOING ON AT THE FESTIVAL.

ISSUE: HUNTING SAFETY

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL - PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 11/26/05 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

JERRY ROBERTS AND JOHN COLLUM FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TALKED ABOUT DEER HUNTING. THERE ARE ABOUT 40 PUBLIC LANDS FOR HUNTING IN MISSISSIPPI. THOUSANDS WILL PARTICIPATE IN HUNTING IN MISSISSIPPI. THEY STRESS THAT SAFETY IS A PRIORITY AND WEARING ORANGE VESTS IS CRITICAL.

ISSUE: LIFT, INC.

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 12/3/05 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

BOB LOUDERMILK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LIFT, INC. WAS TODAY'S GUEST. HE HAS BEEN IN THIS POSITION ABOUT 100 DAYS AND HAS BEEN DEALING WITH BOARD PROBLEMS AND SPENDING ISSUES. HE SAYS THAT HEAD START MAY BE CUT BACK, BUT IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE AND HE SEES THE ROLE OF LIFT, INC. TO BE A PLACE TO MEET VARIOUS NEEDS OF PEOPLE AND DIRECT THEM ON HOW TO FIND HELP.

ISSUE: HOLIDAY SAFETY

PROGRAM: FOCUS LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS -- 12/17/05 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

ROBERT HALL AND CLIFF HARDY OF THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE GUESTS. THEY TALKED ABOUT PLANNING AHEAD BEFORE GOING OUT TO SHOP TO HELP AVOID PROBLEMS. LOCK VALUABLES IN THE TRUNK. LET NEIGHBORS KNOW YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN SO THEY CAN MOVE VEHICLES AROUND AND TURN ON DIFFERENT LIGHTS IN THE HOUSE. HOUSE WATCH IS A FREE MONITORING SERVICE OF THE TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WATCH YOUR HOUSE WHILE YOU ARE AWAY.